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Diaries and Christmas Cards

The recent stoppage in the printing industry, now happily settled, held up the work of producing the 1960 edition of the Toc H Diary. While it may not be possible to recover all the lost time, we look forward to giving details and announcing the date of publication in our next issue.

Preparatory work for this year's Christmas Cards has gone steadily forward and details and cost of the three chosen designs will also be given in the October Journal.

Rugger Dance

The Toc H (London) Rugby Football Club are holding a Dance at Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, on Friday, October 9. Tickets 5s. 0d. (Double 9s. 0d.), obtainable from any Club Member or direct from Toc H London Office, 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

'London Fayre'

Toc H Women's Association are holding a "London Fayre" at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Thursday, October 29. Enquiries, offers of help, or gifts for the stalls will be gladly received by the Fayre Secretary at Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.

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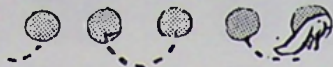
COVER PICTURE: Winant Volunteers on their way to London visit the well-known reconstructed street of shops in York Museum. (See article "Winant Volunteers of '59," on page 267).

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In and Out

notes & comment



Mental Health

DURING THE TEN YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, THE *World Federation For Mental Health* has seen a steady increase in work for the promotion of mental health, and for the care of the mentally ill. There has been a considerable change of opinion on the need for promoting positive mental health, as well as for the better care and treatment of those who are ill. A World Mental Health Year 1960 has been planned, having the following five main projects:

1. *To increase the study of child development in different countries, leading to a better understanding of the needs of children and adolescents.*
2. *To increase knowledge of the multiple causes, and the distribution, of mental illness.*
3. *To improve and extend the teaching of the principles of mental health in medical and nursing schools, and teacher training colleges.*
4. *To develop knowledge and techniques for dealing with the problems of human relations that occur in industries and all types of occupation.*
5. *To encourage the study and development of better methods of preventing and dealing with psychological problems arising from migration within and between countries.*

One of the principal aims of the United Kingdom Committee in planning for World Mental Health Year is to ensure that up-to-date and accurate information on mental health is made far more widespread than it is at present.

Help for Refugees

BRITAIN IS TO ADMIT THIS AUTUMN 200 "hard core" refugees from European camps and ten elderly White Russians from China. Three quarters of those from camps in Europe will be single men and women suffering from tuberculosis, or families in which one member, other than the breadwinner, is tubercular. After treatment in British sanatoria they will rejoin their families and then be settled in Britain. Thus the dread of family separation, which has deterred many refugee families where one member is ill from leaving camps over the years, has been avoided. The remainder of the 200 will come from Germany and Austria, mainly in family groups which have so far been difficult to settle.

Rugby Football

TIME WAS, WHEN THE JOURNAL IN REPORTING the Toc H Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament could say "Contests between different Branches and groups were very keen, and some splendid play was witnessed; in spite of a bitter wind a large number of spectators cheered the teams". But times have changed, and in recent years the annual London Sports Meeting has been the high-light of Toc H sporting activities. All the more credit then to the handful of enthusiasts at Mark XX who last season, without finances, ground, gear or ball, launched the Toc H (London) Rugby Club. Their first match provided a favourable omen with a 12-nil win; but to help ensure continued success attention is drawn to the notice printed inside the cover of this number.

Moving Headquarters

move to Tower Hill,



THE POSTING OF A PROPERTY AGENTS 'FOR SALE' board on the present Headquarters building sounds a note of finality to the forthcoming move to Tower Hill, and tells the world at large—or the portion of it traversing Francis Street—that shortly the Movement's office will be based elsewhere. Meanwhile, we are becoming accustomed to frequent visits of prospective buyers being conducted on tours of inspection of 'Forty-Seven'. Readers will be delighted to know that, up to the time of going to press, loans and promises of loans towards the cost of the new building total £4,245. In addition £1,175 has been received in outright gifts. Details of this Loan Scheme were given in a broadsheet

sent to all Branches and General Members in June and further copies are available if required from Headquarters.

Rediscovering South London

A SHORT 'REFRESHER COURSE' AS A MARKSMAN in one of the London Marks has provided an opportunity for renewing acquaintance with a part of South London, once well-known to us. The many changes, brought about by enemy bombing and social legislation, have improved beyond compare both the housing and dress of many of the inhabitants. The Walworth Road on Saturday afternoons is still as congested with shoppers as it ever was, but there is a marked decline in the exchange of back-chat between stallholders and their customers. One surviving example of this brand of Cockney wit, seen painted in large letters over what used to be known as a 'coffee-shop', reads:

COME ACROSS
FOR THE BEST MEAL YOU'VE EVER
COME ACROSS
SO COME ON IN—
BEFORE WE BOTH STARVE.

Depart Hate!

ALAN PATON

This outstanding article, lifted from the June issue of "The Compass", the journal of Toc H, South Africa, goes to the heart of Toc H and challenges members to work out its purpose in a multi-racial society.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY—that was the great theme of the late J. H. Hofmeyr, Chairman of Toc H Southern Africa from 1939 to 1946. He spoke on it again and again, relating it both to South Africa and to Toc H itself.

I think it is true to say that there are two main white schools of thought and action in South Africa today, those who seek unity in diversity, and those who seek to preserve diversity at all costs, even at the cost of complete separation.

These two schools of thought are reflected in our politics, and therefore members of Toc H are tempted to say "this is politics, and therefore we shall keep out of it". But Toc H cannot keep out of it; she must make a difficult decision. Is she going to seek unity in accordance with her noblest beliefs, or to consent to separation under political pressures?

Evils of conflict

One of the original aims of Toc H was to overcome evils of class conflict, to find unity in human diversity. Did that mean that Toc H would try to overcome the evils of all group conflict, including race conflict and colour conflict? That is a question we must ask ourselves. We must study our prayers. What does the Toc H prayer mean by "live together in love and joy and peace"? What does the prayer for Far-off members mean when it prays that we should "be one in Jesus Christ our Lord"? What does the Prayer for Friendship in Toc H mean by "drawn nearer to Thee and nearer to each other"? And that noble Prayer for the Soul of our Society, when it prays that "we may truly be of one heart and one mind"? The aspiration of these prayers is "Unity in Diversity".

Does this mean that Toc H sets no value on Diversity, and desires only a drab uniformity? It means nothing of the kind. Toc H *welcomes* the diverse gifts that diverse persons bring to the common store; but what Toc H *rejoices* about is the fact that the store is common, that the store belongs to us all, that

the store is enriched and increased by the diversity of its gifts and its givers. Aggrey, the Great West African Christian, said "the problem of black-white relations is like the relations of the white notes and the black notes of the piano, each different and diverse, but whose joint contribution is necessary for the harmony, for the creation of which the instrument was brought into being". In other words, diversity is the means, but harmony is the end.

There are people in South Africa who maintain that the bringing together of diverse elements can bring nothing but strife and discord, and that it is better to keep them as separate from one another as possible. At the moment the holders of this view are politically very powerful, and their very power, added to the fact that so many members of Toc H partially share this view, makes opposition difficult.

But what about the view itself? Is it valid? Must diverse elements always clash?

Diverse elements will always clash if their most important relationship is a competitive one. If white people believe that the future is threatened by black people, then white people will clash with black people when they are brought together. If black people believe that white people will bar every road to progress, if coloured people believe that black people threaten their standard of living, then all will clash when brought together.

Re-making Society

Now Toc H cannot re-make society, but it can do much to redeem it, to free men from these fears, to reveal them to one another in their truer and better natures. Toc H can create in itself a foretaste of that society in which the good fortune of one does not depend on the ill fortune of another, but in which the good fortune of one depends on the good fortune of all. So are we all made one.

So into the broad river of hate and ignorance whose sullen flood threatens to engulf us, must flow the cleansing streams of goodwill and mutual knowledge. Barclay Baron said that in the fight against hate, mutual knowledge was half the battle. It was to create such knowledge, such unity out of diversity, that Toc H was born.

It cannot be denied that many white people are afraid of such unity. To them it means that the white man is giving away lightly what it took him so long to achieve and acquire.

It means to them that he dilutes the quality of his ideals by such prodigal sharing. To them any gain by African, Indian or Coloured persons means a loss to Europeans.

This fear should be honestly examined. Economists maintain that if barriers against the use of non-white skills were broken down, if the earning power of non-white people rose, and consequently their buying power, the whole wealth of the country would increase, and there would be wealth for all; no one's gain would be anyone's loss. Psychologists tell us that much of the tension would go out of European life if Europeans were not saddled with the impossible task of maintaining a colour bar, and knowing that they were leaving for their children an inheritance of hatred and enmity. Religious leaders tell us that the dropping of the colour bar would restore purity to our religion, which we believe on the one hand to be divinely given, and on the other hand to be totally impracticable.

Thinking fairly

But there is obviously one thing that the advance of non-white people must cause us to lose, and that is our privilege. Is this really what we are fighting for after all? Behind all this talk of race purity, Christian civilization, divine mission, is there really the fear of loss of privilege? Here we need to do some thinking fairly, for our reason can play strange tricks when fear is the basic motive.

Today this fear is probably greater, more unconcealed, than ever before, because of the signs of the times, the news of change and disturbance in one African country after another. We should recognize that the white man and the black are still indispensable to one another, though no longer as privileged and under-privileged. The recognition of this fact will go a long way towards enabling us to solve the problem of living together. Especially is this true in South Africa, where a high degree of development and industrialization has made us a country of interdependent people.

It is highly important that we should bear all these important truths in mind, because there is a contemporary temptation to look on all reform as too little and too late. This opinion is supposed to be very wise, and is often applauded in public gatherings. But it is quite irrelevant to Toc H, whose task it is to heal and minister and repent and reconcile under any circumstances. Do we not remember that behind the ebb and flow of things temporal, stand the eternal realities?

It was one of the original aims of Toc H to create unity out of diversity in its own fellowship, so that men might see this good work, and glorify their Father who is in heaven. But there was another original aim also, not to create unity out of diversity, but to open men's eyes to see that in another sense it was already created, that in him who is so strange to me, so fearful to me, in him is my brother, aspiring to the same ideals, sinful as I am, fearing me even as I fear him. Let me make myself known to him, lest we destroy one another.

Diversity is God's gift to South Africa, not always an easy one to accept cheerfully. Out of that diversity He challenges Toc H to make something, and if our Toc H prayers are true prayers, it is unity that He is challenging us to make.

Oldham in Cairo

P. B. CLAYTON

HE CAME FROM OLDHAM in 1933 to Cairo. His appointment was one of those created by the Egyptian Government in order to set up and to improve the technical treatment of Egyptian cotton. His function was to set up a new roller covered with small steel pins, so thickly sown that on the long drum, weighing fifteen hundredweight, there are two thousand pins to the square foot! He was to teach this delicate machine to a large body of Egyptian operatives.

His pay was poor, but he was thankful to secure the post. His mother is ailing, and his father unemployed. By coming out and by living very humbly he could be, and had become, their support. His age was twenty-seven. He was a Free Churchman, and made a Sunday School his special hobby. To this fact he attributed his appointment, for—so he said—there were at least three candidates far abler in technique; but the selectors knew that he could teach. Not only could he teach: he could win love and respect and strange obedience from his native pupils in his first year, a most unusual triumph.

At home, he had not been one of Toc H in Oldham. The Secretary—who must be a sound man—said that he would not bother him to find time for Toc H, which could not use him better than in Sunday School; but when he heard that he had

won the post in Cairo, they looked up Cairo Toc H in the Toc H Diary, wrote to Headquarters for a commendation, and got a letter back presenting him to the Jobmaster. So he became an Oldham member, and left for Egypt, knowing in all Cairo the name of but one other Englishman, his chief.

Toc H did everything they could on his arrival, welcomed him, housed him, and began to use him. The R.A.F. at Helio-
polis have married quarters, and a tribe of children most difficult to handle hitherto. He, given by Toc H to this pursuit, almost despaired, and then completely conquered. I heard the children's estimate of him; for some of them were hanging round the hospital. How came he to get quartered in a hospital?

It was dangerous

A month ago he took the guard off the great roller, signalled for slow running, and then proceeded to clean off some cotton, which had sunk deep and would not leave the pins. Two European experts on a visit came in to see the machine—a mass of whirling wheels, flying belts and revolving drums—inspected it with appreciation, and commented upon the absent guard. He admitted that it was dangerous, but explained that no Egyptian pupil was allowed to approach it. He reserved this cleaning as his own affair.

The Europeans left. He saw them out, turned back to settle down to work again; and slipped upon a bit of cotton waste. To save a fall, he put out his left hand. The fingertips went beneath the roller, which then drew in his hand. Shrieks echoed through the mill-room, not from him; who in a level tone—this saved his life—told the Egyptian on electric duty to switch off power. The cylinder came to rest.

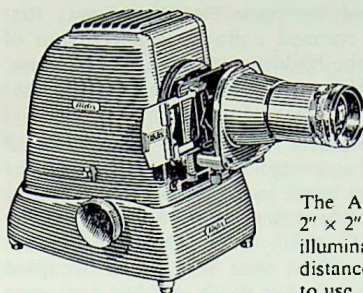
He was himself trained in first aid. No European was within the mill, and none of the Egyptian staff knew anything. He gripped his left arm with his right hand, pressing hard on the main artery, and told them to fetch "Medicine Chest" at once. They fetched it, but they left the key behind. They went to look for it, and could not find it; though he described the very spot where it was found a little later on, hanging where it should hang. Terrified eyes are blind. The key was nowhere. But someone, running fast, fetched back the visitors. They found the key, opened the box and (under his orders) fixed a tourniquet. He then told his Egyptian pupils to undo some six nuts which held in place the lower cylinder. He drew his

hand out, pulp beyond the wrist. He did not faint. He said to the two visitors, "Yes, it was dangerous" in broad Lancashire. The spirit of the Looms for generations spoke through him, and the courage of the Christ.

A car was fetched; but the Nile bridge was up. They had to drive five miles to hospital. Doctor and nurses were all waiting for him. They laid him on a bed. The doctor looked. The patient said, "In Oldham we know things. You'll have to take it off above the wrist."

The doctor, who had meant to use soft words, saw that deceit was wasted on the man. A fortnight later, I flew from the Fleet then based on Alexandria, to visit him. He cheered me up; complaints and he are strangers. He told me what Toc H had meant to him before and since this accident occurred. He said the arm was "gradely" except that it might need another shortening; that was for the doctors to decide. For the rest, he talked about Sunday Schools, and introduced me to a friend of his; to whom we spoke together quietly before I came away. I salute Oldham.

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OLDHAM IN CAIRO

¶ *Prospect of Dor Knap*

THE EDITOR

THE MIDLAND RED BUS halted at the western end of Broadway's mile-long street. The routing instructions read "the approach to Dor Knap is by the lodge gates opposite Broadway Old Church" but after walking half-a-mile the church had not come into view and I began to wonder if it was really the right route. At the side of the road, the driver of an ancient car was tinkering with its engine, but an enquiry for Dor Knap brought no answering glint of recognition. Trying him with "Broadway Old Church?" produced an unconvincing "keep straight oop" delivered in broad Birmingham accents. He was dead right however and shortly afterwards I was treading the stony path that some say once formed a section of the old Worcester to London coach road.

Rounding a hillside bend brought a first sight of the gables of Dor Knap on the next ridge, framed by tall trees, their Cotswold stone glinting in the sunlight. On all sides, a panoramic view of rural England at its loveliest: a chequer-board of trim fields and coloured counties reaching out to the Malvern Hills and far beyond.

Five centuries have rolled by since Dor Knap was first in use as a shepherd's two-roomed cottage. A succession of owners have each added to the building and left their impress. Now it has fallen to Toc H to adapt and use in ways that its previous tenants could never have foreseen.

In the courtyard, two builders' vans were being loaded with men and materials on completion of a fine job of re-roofing. But work had not come to a standstill, for a party of volunteers, senior lads from Bryanston School, led by John Craig, Tubby's A.D.C., with Peter Orford, a South African member, in close support, were very much occupied on a variety of jobs. I doubt whether the house has ever seen so much activity at any one time and when Bill Atkins, the Warden, abandoned his paint brush to show what was going on, our brief tour was punctuated with calls to lend a hand for a minute or produce some needed tool.

Inside the house the main area of activities was the large farmhouse kitchen, with one man carpentering, another

scraping paint and yet another applying it. In the midst of this chaos Winifred Atkins, the joint Warden, was calmly cooking a meal for fourteen—a task that would have caused any stout army cook to excel himself in profanity or a normal housewife to shrink from in despair.

Outside, the original drainage channel of a row of out-buildings planned to provide the chapel, Warden's office and additional accommodation, had through the ages become buried to a depth of several feet by earth silted down with



Bryanston scholars at work on the newly-exposed wall

the winters' rains. Damp had penetrated the stout walls and here, some weeks earlier, a working party of Birmingham Marksmen had already commenced operations. Now the Bryanston lads had taken over the job with gusto, digging a four-foot trench fifty feet long, before protecting the newly exposed wall with a thick layer of concrete. Elsewhere, tree felling had produced material for the strong fence that was now being put up on a slope at the back of the house to guard the unwary on dark nights.

At the helm of a power-driven 'Plowmate' another volunteer was driving a reasonably straight furrow over the rough and sloping patch that will again come into use as the kitchen garden. Close at hand a companion wielded a murderous sickle, laying low the weeds and scrub that for so long have rooted and battened on the soil. Overgrown paths and intersecting stone walls pointed to where a

flourishing garden had once been. Some hardy rose trees and plants have so far survived, but much labour will be needed before its former glories can be recaptured.

A vigorous beating on a kitchen tray called a halt to the day's work and a second sounding, ten minutes later, summoned the workers to the refectory for their evening meal. After physical effort, the taste of good food holds added pleasure and the back-chat and banter that went with it made meal-time an even more enjoyable event.

Supper over, a pair of washer-uppers cleared the dishes while the rest of the Bryanston party settled down for the



A volunteer at the helm of a power-driven 'plowmate'

evening. Foremost attraction was the table tennis table, set up for the time being in what will soon become the Conference Room, where wide windows look out on a gracious landscape.

Early to bed is not a bad habit for manual workers and most of the volunteers, doing unaccustomed jobs, were ready for bed soon after a final cup of tea in the library. Here with the flickering flames of a log fire set in a centuries-old fireplace for background, family prayers formed the final act of the day. Taken in turn, one youngster prefaced the chosen prayers by reading an excerpt from Tubby's *The Upper Room* beginning "Did these men dream or die before they dream'd, Their Torch-flow'r would take root . . ." and in doing so pointed a path from one generation to another, that might well lead on to great things for tomorrow.

Multum in Parvo

much in little



☘ ALAN HILL, formerly Hon. Warden of Mark XXIV, Gladstone House, Liverpool, has become a MARKS PILOT.

☘ PETER VERE - JONES has been appointed to the Toc H Staff with a view to his returning to New Zealand in a year's time to work there in a whole-time capacity.

☘ TUBBY is visiting Sussex and Shropshire this month and will be in the United States in connexion with the Winant Volunteers in October.

☘ Councillor ARTHUR MORTIMORE is the fourteenth Mayor of Bath to be enrolled as a Toc H Builder.

☘ All BRANCH JOBSTERS will be asked by Area Guards of the Lamp this autumn to review and record the service being given by their members.

☘ KEYNOTES FOR KEYMEN: The Projects chosen by their Branches will be discussed by the Keymen at the Keynote Conferences at Askham Bryan, York, on September 11-13; Derby Hall, Liverpool, September 25-27; The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, October 9-11, and Gilsland, Carlisle, Cumberland, October 30-November 1.

☘ A BROADSHEET about the move of Toc H Headquarters to Tower Hill next year has been sent to all General Members and to all Branches for placing on their notice-boards. The Loan Scheme, which 'must in no way be allowed to interfere with the normal contributions to the Family Purse', is producing many generous responses.

☘ CONFERENCES will be held on October 3 and 4 in the Yorkshire, East Anglian and South-Western Areas.

☘ AREA RALLIES elsewhere in September: Northern, 12-13; North Wales, 19; Kent, 26-27; and on October 3: Beds. and Herts.

☘ LONDON FAYRE at Caxton Hall, Westminster, Thursday, October 29, 12 noon to 8 p.m.

☘ THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT will be observed by Vigils held locally on the Birthday of Toc H from 9 p.m. on Friday, December 11, to 9 p.m. on the Saturday by local time.

☘ OBERAMMERGAU: There are places available for men in the Toc H parties visiting the Tyrol and Bavaria from May 29 to June 11, 1960. Enquire of O.P.P., 47 Frances St., S.W.1.



Toc H Staff Conference, together with Toc H Women's Association Staff.
High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. June 22-26, 1959

Staff Conference

The names of those in the photograph opposite are given below, reading from left to right: the initials A.S. and A.P. stand for Area Secretary and Area Padre respectively.

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SECOND ROW: Miss R. Relf (*W.A. Staff, S.E. Region*), Lt. Col. W. R. Elliot (*Schools Sec.*), C. V. Young (*Northern A.S.*), J. B. MacMillan (*Western A.S. designate*), Rev. H. Leggate (*Field Commissioner*), Rev. E. Rogers (*Guest Speaker*), J. Callf (*Administrator*), Rev. R. J. Davies (*Administrative Padre*), Miss M. Fowler (*General Secretary, W.A.*), R. R. Calkin (*General Secretary*), G. R. R. Martin (*Overseas and Forces Sec.*), Miss M. Turner (*W.A. Chaplain*), Rev. H. F. Sawbridge (*Western H.A.P.*), C. Wintle (*Press Officer*), A. V. Bean (*Warden, Talbot House, Southampton*).

THIRD ROW: J. H. Clark (*Houses Sec.*), S. Swain (*Enroller of Builders*), Rev. S. R. Smith (*Yorkshire A.P. designate*), M. B. Elson (*N. & W. London A.S.*), Miss M. Davis (*W.A. Staff, Western Area*), Miss E. Trevelyan Lee (*W.A. Staff N. & E. Mids. Region*), G. A. Francis (*South Western A.S.*), G. L. Lee (*Lincolnshire A.S.*), Miss P. Wolfe (*W.A. Staff, W. Mids. & N. Wales/Border Areas*), Miss H. Benbow (*Asst. to Gen. Sec.*), Mrs. E. Worth (*W.A. Overseas Sec.*), Miss J. Perry (*Mbr. Development Appeal Team*), Miss M. E. Davies (*W.A. Staff, South Wales Area*), Miss F. Beeton (*W.A. Staff, N. Region, N.I. & Scotland*), Miss A. Welford (*W.A. Staff, Southern Region*), Mrs. M. Gorton (*W.A. Staff, Eastern Region & Lincs.*), C. Stevenson (*East Mids. A.S.*),

BACK ROW: Rev. F. J. Green (*Eastern London A.P.*), Miss E. Perrin (*W.A. Staff, London & Home Counties Region*), R. D. Smith (*East Anglian A.S.*), J. Harrison (*Finance Sec.*), Rev. A. G. Knight (*Manchester & N.W. A.P.*), J. F. Jans (*Field Sec. designate in Australia*), R. L. Wheatley (*Notts & Derby A.S.*), J. W. Maddock (*Yorkshire A.S.*), K. R. Rea (*Accountant*), F. C. Campbell (*Mbr. Development Appeal Team*), F. G. Chesworth (*Editor Journal*).

HIGH LEIGH, HODDESDON, in Hertfordshire, provided the setting for the Conference, shared this year with the Toc H Women's Association staff. Except for a half-day's break on Wednesday, the programme was the usual very full one.

Three stimulating sessions were centred on the Guest Speaker, the Rev. EDWARD ROGERS whose special interests have brought him into close touch with problems of industry

and communism (incidentally, Mr. Rogers has since been appointed President-elect of the Methodist Conference).

During the week, BARKIS paid a welcome one-day visit, and TUNBY, prevented by the arrival of the Winant Volunteers and other engagements from coming earlier, shared his thoughts and inspiration with the whole company on the Thursday evening.

'Cricket, Lovely Cricket'

JACK HARRISON

EVERY YORKSHIREMAN is born with a bat in one hand, a ball in the other (preferably the left), a glint in his eye and a tongue in his cheek. As we mature we realize that not only are we the salt of the earth but that there's a mighty lot of meat in the world which would be all the better for a salting. We are a clannish lot; there are those of us who can see nowt but good in all things Yorkshire; there are those



The writer batting at the Staff Conference Match

of us who may possess better sight but will yet maintain the supremacy of all things Yorkshire against all comers; there are some few who can see occasional glimpses of hope for other Counties. These traits are collected and emphasized in cricket. But of course the only important foe in that field is the County on the wet side of the Pennines, famous for cotton and good triers when it comes to The Game. When these rivals meet, let all others hold their peace and mind their own business.

Let us be frank between ourselves; we Yorkshiremen are a bit too fond perhaps of dwelling on our own unquestioned superiority. It might even be time we took it for granted and forgot it! But Mr. Thomson, a Scot by birth and Yorkshireman by adoption, is more a Royalist than the King. His book* on those two great characters and cricketers, George Hirst and Wilfred Rhodes beats

* *Hirst & Rhodes*. By A. A. Thomson (Epworth 15s.)

the band. Could he but read it, George would turn uneasily in his grave and stop pushing up daisies to the further confusion of all batsmen, while Wilfred, happy in his retirement, will wriggle gently in his chair and murmur "Nay lad, I was no'an so bad", when he hears the unqualified adulation poured out by Mr. Thomson. Unqualified? Not quite, Mr. Thomson concedes that on occasion Wilfred, never George, had a brief fleeting spell when he was not at his best, but which merely proved him after all to be rather lower than God and somewhat higher than the Angels; human, yet unlike the rest of us.

Once George was dropped from the Test Team against Australia; Yorkshire reeled; strong men in Bradford trembled for England; slow-speaking gentle men in Huddersfield swore dreadful oaths; respectable chapel-going Dalesmen took to strong drink; steelmen in Sheffield held revivalist meetings; miners in Doncaster cussed their whippets; fishermen in Hull signed the pledge and carpet-baggers in Halifax joined the Band of Hope in bitter blank despair. Mr. Thomson, bemused, battered and bewildered at such insensate folly watched with sightless eyes his train to London go out without him, and for aught I know is waiting still for the next one. England lost of course.

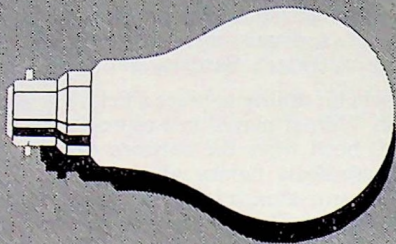
I am too young to remember much of these two men but I do just remember the thrill of pride I shared with all Yorkshiremen in 1926 when Wilfred, then forty-nine years young, was called in to strengthen England in the last and vital Test Match of that year against Australia. He got six wickets for 79 in the two innings, dismissing such great bats as Woodfull (twice), Richardson (twice), Bardsley and Ponsford.

Tate remembers his ability to place a field. He should know. In his later years Wilfred played in a representative match and was called on to bowl when the batsmen were well and truly set. He was particularly finicky about placing Tate, first a pace or two forward, then a pace to the left, somewhat to everyone's amusement. Three balls were delivered and treated respectfully; the fourth was a gentle easy ball which no batsman could resist. Bang! away it sailed for six; the fifth was like it and away that went too—straight into the waiting hands of Mr. Tate.

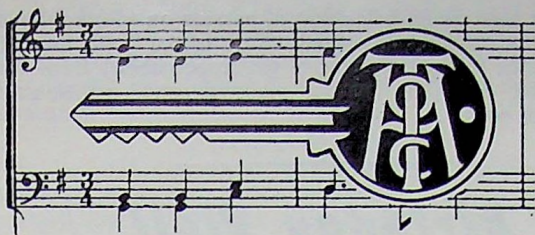
One could go on and on. Buy the book and enjoy it for yourselves.

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THE WONDERFUL LAMP



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Leadership

SOME EXCITING THINGS have been happening lately in Branches where Keymen have been busy on new projects. No less exciting has been news of old jobs being given a new look and as a result Branches finding a new lease of life. Here is evidence of leadership of the right kind. It is hoped to persuade some of those concerned to overcome their modesty and give an account of these happenings.

This series on the two-year Keynotes operation is intended for discussion in Branches. As a start to the second half, here are some extracts from a talk on "Leadership for Tomorrow" given by Sir John Hunt at a conference of S.C.N.V.Y.O. (the Standing Conference of National Voluntary Youth Organizations), to both of whom acknowledgments and thanks are due.

"True leadership is simply an expression of the human greatness which is in us all. . . . It is a truism that the increasing need in the society of today and tomorrow is partnership. . . . The germ of this attitude of partnership is to be sought not among organizations but between individual people. . . .

"Methods of character development are becoming more widely understood throughout the country today. Essentially it is a matter of challenge and responsibility. . . .

"The first main step in helping a boy to grow in moral stature is to confront him with a man-sized task, and to challenge him to do it. Let him, in accomplishing this task, make the first, most important and most exciting discovery—his own ability to achieve something.

"The second main step is to confront him with another task which can best be achieved with the help of others. There you have the elements of ideal partnership.

"The third main step is to help the boy to relate his experience and new confidence to some form of service, the most obvious

and not the least useful being that of passing on to other boys what he has himself discovered. This is the beginning of leadership, the shifting of some of the responsibility from the adult leader onto the young, vigorous and enthusiastic shoulders of boys."



Birthday Vigil

Planning for the Act of Preparation during the
twenty-four hours from 9 p.m. on December 11

THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT we are accustomed to observe usually takes the form of a Branch meeting on the due date with the focus on 'Light' at 9 p.m. The sequence of this short ceremony in place after place appeals to the imagination. It may be surrounded with quite an elaborate programme lasting some two hours, or it may be a matter of ten minutes' introduction, in either event impressive because simple at its focal point.

The Vigil, which the dates this year again permit, calls for more planning than an evening's programme. It calls for the selection of a suitable centre where small teams of men and women can find an atmosphere conducive to keeping watch in turn for one hour at a time throughout the twenty-four. It calls for the selection of the small teams ready to take their turn on an hourly rota. It calls for the selection of material to help them in contributing their share. This last is not difficult, for much will be provided at the time; but there is this to be done now.

Messages needed now

Branches at home and overseas need news and must exchange news; yes, not only formal greetings but news that will enable members elsewhere to picture the scene and situation, to know the Branches' blessings and needs and to share in their plans and hopes. Let scribes be appointed and get busy now. Let letters, and maps and pictures too, be exchanged, collected and made available at the time for all who keep vigil, that prayer may become more real, the harmony deeper.

Some members have been amazed to find how much they sensed the atmosphere by listening to tape-recordings of the start of the World Chain of Light last year at the T.B. Settle-

ment at Botha's Hill, Natal. As one part of their planning, a Branch may choose now to book a date when they can listen to this recording. The tape runs for half an hour and will be available for booking for a three-day hiring at 5s. 0d. until November.

Among so many

The small Branch may dismiss the idea of holding a Vigil as being far beyond its power, because more men than are available are needed if the plan is to be effective. It may be thought that as few as six men in one Branch cannot maintain a rota of twenty-four hourly teams. This has been done and done well by each man taking on one hour in every six, that is, four hours at different times during the night and day. This was no less a vigil than when there are three or four men available every hour.

If for some a lone watch is too fearful to contemplate, companions can be sought. There are General Members, Toc H Builders, Women's Association members and many other friends. With understanding of what is being attempted, few are likely to refuse to try; with an assurance of company they will put themselves down for one or more separate hours during the twenty-four.

Distances in this country at any rate are rarely so great that Branches are unable to co-operate by compiling a rota of members to travel in turn to the most accessible centre in the District. Better, however, will it be for Branches that can do so to plan their own Vigil and to invite the share of all available members not giving their services elsewhere.

The suggestion of a compromise is bound to arise. This may be to keep the Vigil for a part of the time only, say, for two or three hours involving little inconvenience and few men. Half a loaf being better than no bread, a short period of watching is better than none, but the essence of a Vigil is to watch during a period usually given to sleep. If there must be a compromise, let it be at least half and the Vigil maintained from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., the full cycle being observed in half-hourly instead of hourly periods. Even so, experience shows that much is lost this way, for compressing a twenty-four hour programme into something much less is unsatisfactory and unworthy, unless sheer necessity dictates.

The best place

The scenes of Vigils vary from great and ancient places like cathedrals and castles to the humble homes of Branches in

lofts and back-rooms. One Vigil may be held in surroundings hallowed for centuries while another takes place in a hut or temporary chapel on a new housing estate. Some people are sensitive to atmosphere, preferring a touch of tradition or romance, while others are quite happy in an outhouse. A Mark chapel may be a convenient centre for some men; for others a workshop or an office or a meeting-place, where quiet is assured, may serve equally well. The main essential is freedom from disturbance and any distraction, ensuring peace of mind, sense of purpose and the ability to concentrate on the work in hand.

Dare to prepare

This night and day of Vigil has been described as an unaccustomed exercise which gives us an opportunity to revalue our heritage of Toc H, to see more plainly its weak points and its strength, to renew our own vows, and to submit ourselves and all our Family more consciously to the Will of God. Much more difficult than the planning itself is the corporate decision to seize this opportunity and the daring to plan for a Vigil. Once it is planned, it should become a rewarding period of brisk preparation for action.

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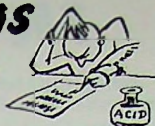
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Open Hustings readers' letters



Headquarters Move

MAY I, on behalf of every member of Toc H in Central Africa, congratulate all those hard working folk who have made this thing possible, and although it involves large sums of money we are convinced that every true member of the Family will see to it that the goal will be reached and that as a result Toc H will be given even greater strength in the future. Greetings to everyone concerned and be assured that we in Central Africa will play our part in this great venture.

CHARLES FALCONER.

P.O. Box 834,
Bulawayo.

Felden Lodge

AFTER a week at Farnham Castle last year my wife and I decided that it had been the most pleasant holiday we had had so far, and it was decided then and there that provided it was open, we would try again and for two weeks the following year.

As we all know, Farnham is no more, and the news of its successor not having been published, we, quite early in the year, booked for Felden Lodge.

I say without hesitation that it was better than Farnham.

Many old Farnhamites will no doubt think this disloyal, as something of an atmosphere existed there which had to be experienced to understand. However, this feeling of fellowship in its truest sense, was at Felden Lodge too, plus a theme to add

the practical side of Toc H in just the correct strength.

The amazing part of this story is that the week was under-booked. If this is prejudice on the part of other members of my sex, I would assure them that they are in the wrong.

I have only one complaint—as I said earlier, we had decided on a fortnight this year.

PETER AIREY.

Weymouth, Dorset.

On 'The Hill'

THE octagonal building referred to in the letter 'On The Hill' in the July JOURNAL is incorrect. It bears a tablet in memory of Sir Follet Holt, K.B.E., first chairman of Tower Hill Improvement Trust and was only built when the Mazawattee Tea warehouse was pulled down after the war, as was also the Terrace where it stands. The octagon is an emergency escape from the wine vaults below and has a water system installed for supplying water to the ornamental pond.

A. Mankelov's facts concerning the entrance to the tunnel are correct, but one has to walk down the Hill to the "Tiger", a house of liquid refreshment outside the entrance to the Tower.

Semper Strenuissima!

CHAS. W. TISSHAW.

All Hallows Church.

(Tish and I have, together, since paced out the separating distance between the two entrances and agree on fifty-two yards. I should not have thought that anyone fortunate enough to find himself in a wine cellar would want an emergency escape.—A.M.)

The Elder Brethren

AMIES.—In June, EDWIN JOHN AMIES, aged 68, a member of Wolverhampton Branch. Elected 4.2.'39.

BEEL.—On July 14, FRED GORDON BEEL, aged 58, a member of Truro Branch. Elected 2.2.'44.

BLACKETT.—On March 25, GEORGE FREDERICK BLACKETT, aged 72, a member of Gosforth Branch. Elected 5.9.'41.

COLLISHAW.—On May 29, ARTHUR COLLISHAW, aged 67, a member of Sleaford Branch. Elected 3.11.'37.

DAVIDSON.—In May, JOHN G. DAVIDSON, aged 73, a founder member of Falkirk Central Branch. Elected 20.10.'30.

DOWNIE.—On June 24, in a road accident, WILLIAM DOWNIE, aged 47, a member of Uddingston Branch. Elected 4.4.'33.

EYRE.—On June 8, THOMAS WILLIAM GEORGE EYRE, aged 62, a member of Longlevens Branch. Elected 7.11.'58.

FORREST.—On April 2, the Rev. OSWALD FRANCIS FORREST, aged 63, a member of Wakefield Branch. Elected 1.1.'25.

HEWES.—On April 23, CHARLES DOUGLAS HEWES, aged 60 a member of Market Bosworth Branch. Elected 9.5.'47.

ISGAR.—On January 16, THOMAS ISGAR, aged 73, a member of Loughton Branch. Elected 28.8.'46.

KINGSCOTT.—On May 23, CECIL WINSTON KINGSCOTT, aged 58, a founder member of Sawley Branch. Elected 11.10.'35.

MELLON.—On July 15, HARRY J. MELLON, aged 55, a member of Cambridge Branch. Elected May 1924.

MITCHELL.—On May 21, SYDNEY AMBROSE MITCHELL, aged 81, a member of Bromley Branch. Elected 9.2.'55.

NICHOLLS.—On June 29, ARTHUR EASTWOOD NICHOLLS, C.B.E., M.C., aged 68. Secretary of the Headmasters' Conference, formerly Headmaster of Hele's School, Exeter, and Chairman of the South Western Area Executive. Elected 11.2.'32.

OGDEN.—On July 1, ERIC OGDEN, aged 32, a member of Stockport Branch. Elected 17.8.'45.

QUILTER.—On July 1, ROBERT QUILTER, aged 76, a member of Lymington Branch. Elected 1.1.'49.

TAYLOR.—On May 7, the result of a road accident, SAMUEL HERBERT TAYLOR, aged 53, a founder member of Didsbury Branch. Elected 31.5.'30.

TORNEY.—On March 20, HENRY C. S. TORNEY, aged 74, a founder member of Holywood Branch (Co. Down). Elected 11.10.'38.

UMPLEBY.—On July 1, THOMAS HAROLD UMPLEBY, aged 69, a member of Settle Branch. Elected 11.10.'32.

VOWLES.—On July 6, CHARLES ERNEST VOWLES, ('Pop'), aged 74, a member of Torquay Branch. Elected 7.6.'33.

WALTON.—On June 10, Captain ROBERT ALEXANDER WALTON, aged 66, a member of Bovington Services Group. Elected 27.7.'39.

WATTS.—On May 28, BASIL WILLIAM WATTS, aged 65, a member of Atworth Branch. Elected 30.9.'39.

In Memoriam

FRED GORDON BEEL

Members throughout the South-West will miss Gordon Beel, whom so many met at the Area Conference which he attended every year. Even those who met him there only once will remember his portly figure, always the picture of good humour. He would seem to sleep through most of the conference sessions, but at the Saturday evening parties he would more than pull his weight as a *raconteur* of Cornish and other stories. Whether you saw the point or not, the naughty twinkle in Gordon's eye was enough to make you laugh—indeed, the end of the story was sometimes drowned altogether!

Those who got to know Gordon well realised that his easy-going joviality masked a more serious outlook. Toc H meant much to him and he was unfailing in his loyalty to his Branch. He was quick and generous in helping others and he never broke a promise. He was unmarried, and to be welcomed into his hospitable home and to see his love and care for his mother (who died not long ago) and the two sisters with whom he lived, was to get a glimpse of something rare and tender. All the time he enjoyed life to the full, and in doing so helped his friends to enjoy it too.

M.B.E.

The Prototype Member

LEONARD S. RIVETT

(Some thoughts on the feast of St. Barnabas. Freely adapted from Acts IV, 36 & 37; IX, 26 & 27; XI, 19-26).

HE would have been called 'Barney' today, but they called him Barnabas, which means "son of comfort" or "a tower of strength".

He first appeared on the scene when they made the first financial appeal. The experiment in communal living was not exactly a success. There were spongers then as now, and consequently the movement was always hard up. Barnabas generously sold some property and gave the whole of the proceeds to the cause. He showed many of the others up who only gave a small part of their income or only part of the proceeds when they sold possessions.

Then news came to Jerusalem that their chief enemy, Saul, had had a vision while on a heresy hunt to Damascus and had

been baptized. It was too good to be true—you know how easily rumours spread! When he returned to the city they would have nothing to do with him. Just think how they had suffered at his hands! Justus, Demas and Samuel were still in prison and most of them had lost all they had anyway. True they were supposed to love their enemies, but it was going too far to expect them to make friends with Saul. The clever ones were of course saying that it was all a trap; he was only pretending he saw a vision (visions were as much suspected then as now) and had been baptized in order to learn the names and addresses of all the leaders and where their secret meeting places were. So word spread around to have nothing to do with him; anyone who did would be branded a collaborator.

It was Barnabas who made friends with him. Many were shocked and Barnabas was called a "fellow traveller" behind his back. But when he was convinced of the sincerity of Saul's conversion, he brought him into the fellowship and introduced him to the leaders. There were many red faces the day Saul first spoke at a public meeting on their side!

Full-time man

Not long afterwards some commercial travellers brought back news that the people in Antioch seemed keen to learn about this new thing. The cry "extension" was raised and sensibly they decided that this called for a full-time man who knew his stuff. Barnabas volunteered and off he went with everyone's blessings.

The reception he got at Antioch was overwhelming, and soon Barnabas found that he was inundated with requests to speak at meetings and to meet all sorts of people. He soon realized that he couldn't hope to cope by himself in following up all the contacts. He must have some help. In spite of the glowing reports he'd sent to headquarters he knew that, with the staff situation as it was, they wouldn't send anyone else to Antioch. Then suddenly he remembered Saul!

He had learnt that soon after he'd arrived at Antioch, Saul had returned to Tarsus. It had been a great pity, but they could be an unfriendly lot at Jerusalem and most probably hadn't given the new man enough to do. Saul was the man and Tarsus was only 150 miles away. No use writing or sending a message, he'd go himself: the personal approach was always the best. So off he went and after some difficulty tracked Saul down (he was not popular with the Christians or the Jews

now) "I've got a job for you. Come and lend me a hand". Saul jumped at the idea and within twenty-four hours they were off to Antioch. They worked together there for a whole year in partnership. "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

But for Barnabas we might never have heard of St. Paul. He offered him his friendship when all the rest gave him the cold shoulder; he brought him into the fellowship of the Church; and he gave him his first missionary job.

Barnabas was the first to put into practice what we call the Toc H "method"—Fellowship and Service (offering friendship and getting to help with a job). If the Movement had a patron saint who could be better?

Winant Volunteers of '59

KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE

THE TWELFTH GROUP of Winant Volunteers, who have been in London since the end of June, are now returning to the United States. Fifty-five of these American college students have spent their summer vacation, entirely at their own expense, working in youth clubs, settlements and Parishes.

The summer started with a four-day training conference on the beautiful island of Iona. The Winants were prepared for their work by Dr. George MacLeod, by Mr. Peter Duke (Head of Oxford House in Bethnal Green, and Chairman of the Winant Executive Committee), and by Tubby. On their way south to London the Volunteers spent a night in Edinburgh (where they had their first bath this side of the Atlantic. There had been a severe water shortage on Iona), and a night in York. In both places they were the guests of Toc H members and their friends, and I would like to take this opportunity of saying a very sincere thank-you to Toc H in these two cities for their kindness and hospitality to us.

On June 24th the Winant Volunteers finally reached London, and dispersed in one's and two's to the various organizations to which they had been assigned. There the Cockney children gave a warm welcome to 'our American'.

For the next six weeks the Winants lived and worked in Canning Town or North Kensington, in Hackney or Bermondsey. They took carpentry classes and cooking classes. They taught baseball and basketball. They learned cricket (one boy even found himself umpiring a cricket match!). An extra pair of hands about the place made it possible for several clubs to tackle the cleaning-out of rooms which had long been filled with junk. A number of Winants took part in formal discussion groups, and all took part in informal argument, on such thorny questions as racial segregation in the South. Most of them went to camp with their clubs for a week or a fortnight at the beginning of August.

The Winants shared in a wide variety of activities of this kind, and through them made firm friends with the people among whom they lived and worked. During the next few months many an East End home will receive a letter with an American postmark from a boy or girl who crossed the Atlantic to become their friend.

However the summer was not all work, and the Winants managed to see a great deal of London, and many excursions to Oxford, Cambridge, and even as far afield as Stratford-on-Avon. Twenty-five of us spent a most enjoyable day as the guests of Toc H Canterbury.

At the end of the summer four days were spent with Tubby in the Old House. There, in the quiet of the Upper Room, the Winant Volunteers were able to think of what the venture had meant to them, and, perhaps, to tell Our Lord what they had tried to do.

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GEOFF MARTIN

AN OVERSEAS ASSEMBLY

On July 9 a party of overseas members and members of the Central Executive, with a small number of wives as gracious and most welcome fellow travellers, began a week's visit to Belgium with Talbot House as a base. Peter Vere-Jones, a young member from New Zealand, has written this account of the week's events.

A CROWD of happy jostling, joking people flowed in and out and around our carriage on the boat train for Belgium, standing at Victoria Station. We were getting to know one another and in a very short while we had got to like one another very much. "We" comprised a very mixed bunch. Different ages, sexes and nationalities. Among us were members from Queensland and Western Australia, New Zealand, Southern Rhodesia, Ghana and India. We were heading for Poperinge. Our ship landed at Ostend and our first man had barely stepped ashore, when, with a mighty crash of thunder, the heavens were opened unto us. It was the start of one of the finest electrical storms many of us had experienced, and a more exciting welcome we couldn't have been given.

The rain passed almost directly we reached Poperinge and the doors of the Old House were opened to us as they had been opened to so many thousands of others during and after the first world war. We knew we were welcome and all of us, I think, felt that even though we had just crossed the threshold, the Old House was not strange to us.

After a good meal at "Skindles" Hotel and an evening spent mostly on the dodgems at Poperinge Fair, AUSTEN WILLIAMS, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and Chaplain to our Party, took closing prayers in the Upper Room. We retired to bed and slept soundly after an exhausting but happy first day.

The next morning was a moving one for all of us and we began by visiting the Pool of Peace, and Sanctuary Wood where Gilbert Talbot is buried. Then Tyne Cot, the cemetery at Paschendaele where there are countless graves of unknown soldiers. In this locality hundreds of bodies were lost in the



Overseas members at the grave of Gilbert Talbot, Sanctuary Wood Cemetery

mud of Flanders. Only this year the body of a young Australian was found by a farmer only eighteen inches under the surface. We all felt the tragedy and wastage of so many young lives.

The afternoon was spent in Bruges; a trip on the canals and then an exploration of the city—admiring the very beautiful churches, investigating the cobbled back streets and delving in the rather musty old museums. A few (very few, for it was a hot afternoon) climbed four-hundred steps to admire the splendid view from the top of the Belfry.

On by bus again to dinner at Ypres followed by the Sounding of the Last Post at Menin Gate, where the Chaplain of St. George's Church spoke the opening words of our Ceremony of Light.

I do not wish to report at length on the exciting week-end discussions we had, but here is a brief outline of what was said. We had four speakers on our first theme, which was 'Toc H Today and Possibly Tomorrow'. Miss M. FOWLER (*Women's Association*) and DONALD LOCKHART (*Central Executive*) spoke from the background of Toc H in U.K. and they were followed in the second session by two further introductory talks by Padres NEVILLE WATKINS (*New Zealand*) and GREGORY NEEDHAM (*Queensland*).

Under the heading of "One Christian Family?" GEORGE DAVIS from India spoke on the great venture of the United Church in South India, and ADAM VERA from Southern Rhodesia gave a startlingly clear picture of the present African situation and some of the ways in which we in the rest of the world could help.

AUSTEN WILLIAMS in summing up gave us some very real and positive thoughts to take away with us. Here are just two sentences which, to me, convey the essence of what he said: "The only point at which God can go on with His creation is at the point where men meet men and there is love in the meeting. We must be equal and open in our relationships with no ulterior motives."

On the Tuesday we set off early on the road to the Ardennes by way of Brussels. We had time to do no more than drive through the city but even so we could see the amazing amount of reconstruction work that had taken place. After an immense meal at Namur, the start of a two-day marathon in eating, we drove on to Dinant. Here our evening began with a short trip up the beautiful river Meuse to Anseremme. Four of us decided to view the river from a slightly different angle and took to the water on bikes mounted on floats, on which you pedal like mad and get very little distance for your efforts.

Early next morning we left Dinant and set off along a superb, steep and winding road to the grottoes at Han-sur-Lesse. This was perhaps the climax of our sight-seeing. The first part of our trip was by way of a diesel tram, rattling and shaking, winding and slowly making its way to the top of a hill. We walked down about fifty feet to the entrance of the caves. For the next two hours we were lost in the labyrinth of these fascinating caverns—swallowed up into the bowels of the mountain. After gazing with admiration at the incredibly formed stalactites and mites our spelaeological expedition struck a rather humorous note with a cup of morning coffee around little tables in a simply vast underground chamber.

On our return journey a wonderful feast was arranged for us by the members of the Toc H Branch at Charleroi, and that alas was almost the last big event of our trip.

We left Poperinge after a Communion Service the next morning and climbed for the last time into one of the red and white coaches which we had come to know so well.

After a pleasant crossing to Dover we jammed ourselves on the crowded boat train, and finally parted at Victoria Station.



World Refugee Year

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PHILIP BARRON

Wanted—Jobs for Refugees

They can earn a living—if we'll let them!

AMONG THE PASSENGERS swarming from the boat train at Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. R . . . were noticed only by the two friends who had come to meet them. But their arrival was the first-fruits of months of effort on behalf of refugees by a British husband-and-wife team, William and Anne Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman are not social workers and have no official backing in their self-imposed task of finding jobs in this country for refugees in Austria's camps. Mr. Norman is, as he puts it, a 'wage slave' working for a business-machine firm in London, while his wife looks after their two children and their home at Shootersway Lane, Berkhamsted, Herts.

But after the Hungarian revolt in 1956, Mr. Norman took five months off from his job and, with his wife, joined a Red Cross team working in Austria's refugee camps. While there they learned that certain categories of refugees could be brought into Great Britain (and other countries) *provided that a job was waiting for them*. Eligible refugees range from highly-educated specialists to domestic and farm workers and others in spheres which do not attract sufficient native labour. The Normans met many such languishing in the camps. They knew there must be employers in this country who would be glad to have them, yet no relief organization apparently felt able to take on the extra work of 'placing'.

So the Normans resolved to do it themselves. On their return from Austria, they contacted friends and business firms and slowly fixed up a number of their camp friends. When they had fixed up those they knew personally, they tried to continue the operation by post, but there were so many delays

that prospective employers got tired of waiting and the refugees lost their chance. So this spring, the Normans took the bull by the horns and made a whirlwind tour of six large camps, personally interviewing and photographing 150 refugees. Armed with this material, they are able to obtain labour permits with the minimum of delay once jobs are found.

Their list includes Hungarians, Yugoslavs, Serbs and Albanians, with occupational backgrounds ranging from 'Professor of Fine Art' and 'musician' to 'cook' and 'male nurse'.

Mr. and Mrs. R . . . are Hungarian. From Victoria they were driven to Paddington, where they caught a train to St. Mawes, Cornwall. The proprietor of two large hotels had given Mr. R . . . the job of teaching English to his foreign staff.

Typical placings already arranged include those of two electrical engineers with an Enfield firm, and of a male nurse at Napsbury Hospital, near St. Albans. Several householders have offered to take cooks and gardeners. A Toc H member in Berkhamsted is giving work to a painter.

The Normans themselves have given a home to a Hungarian youngster, Janos Czipri, and found him a job nearby. But the refugees can find homes for themselves as long as they have a job.

Besides helping individual refugees to a new life, Mr. Norman hopes to help show that the average refugee is not a forlorn, helpless castoff—an impression that much refugee-aid propaganda tends to convey—but is a normal human being who longs to make himself useful again.

He thinks that World Refugee Year is an excellent idea. "But there is a danger that people will give an old pair of shoes, or half-a-crown, and think that that is enough.

"We should not regard the refugees as just another good cause to be given sixpence when we feel generous, but remember that we tell people in the Iron Curtain countries that the Christian West is better than the Communist East. When they come to see, what do they find?" One is reminded of the sign scrawled on a door at a German reception camp: "We chose Freedom—come in and see what we got!"

If you know anyone who might be able to help by employing a refugee, the Normans will be pleased to send you a list of occupations in which their refugee friends are skilled. The address is The Lodge, Shootersway Lane, Berkhamsted, Herts. (Berkhamsted 1422).



From All Parts

direct from areas

REDS. & HERTS.—Welcome to a bonny pair of twins, **Leighton Buzzard** and **Hitchin**, who have been granted Branch status. Both are doing well, and make a welcome addition to the family. Thirty men from seventeen Branches accepted an invitation from the Area Chairman, **David Gullick**, to meet for an afternoon, to seek how they can increase their effectiveness as chairmen of Branches and Districts. **Bedford** and **North Bucks** Districts organized a Rest Tent for stockmen at the Bedfordshire Show. When **Royston** took a party of old people from Heath Lodge for an outing, **Sandy** arranged tea for them. **Goff's Oak** provided tea for a hundred blind people from London and arranged suitable entertainment. **Leighton Buzzard** have begun to help a children's Home and **Welwyn Garden City** held a special Toc H meeting in a Boys' Home in St. Albans. **Watford** District arranged an outing for old people to **Beaconsfield**, where the local Branch co-operated. **North Herts**, cricket team sat in ashes after their defeat by **Bedford** District in their annual Test Match. Most Districts are playing the preliminary heats of the annual Area Darts Competition for the Motley Cup.

FRANK R. FIGG.

EASTERN LONDON.—About eighteen months ago, **Elm Park** Branch started a blind club which has proved a useful piece of service in the neighbourhood and incidentally has received the active support of local church members of several denominations. Transport by car to and from the club is provided for the blind folk. For the most part they entertain themselves, enjoying above all else the opportunity of meeting and talking; occasionally some diversion is added to the programme. Members pay a small subscription which keeps the club solvent and they revel in a summer outing and a Christmas party.

JIM GREEN.

NOTTS. & DERBY.—There are increasing signs of co-operation with Scouts in all kinds of ways. **Alfreton** are helping the local troop to erect a hut. **Bakewell** assisted at a recent garden fête run by the local troop. **West Hallam** entertained the Field Commissioner for Derbyshire and the local District Commissioner at their Guest-night at which members from other Branches were present. In **Nottingham** it is planned to revive Bonfire Night, including a barbecue and fireworks, with a Scout Group to which overseas students are invited. Incidentally, this Scout Group is one which a member was 'ordered' to start thirty years ago, and did! **Bakewell** have been entertaining members from **Hallam** and **Oughtibridge** (Sheffield) at Haddon Hall, and **Alfreton** held a joint barbecue with the Women's Association Branch under a tarpaulin to keep off the rain. **Mansfield Woodhouse** are looking at the possibilities of setting up a youth club for "unclubbables".

LES WHEATLEY.



T. A. Morris

A lorry-load of clothing collected by Portmadoc members for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief

NORTH WALES.—The record influx of holidaymakers to their towns has not restricted the service of the active units. **Portmadoc**, under the shadow of Snowdon, organized a house to house clothing collection for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and despatched gratis by the generosity of a local firm, sixty-two sacks of first quality clothes; a sum of £30 was also raised. **Conway District** challenged St. Swithin and won. Sun shone throughout the day on their Sheep Dog Trials, a popular annual event, and a surplus exceeding £100 was contributed to the Family Purse. **Rhyl District**, in company with **Manchester**, successfully ran their annual Children's Camp. **Mold District** are looking ahead and active in advance arrangements for the North Wales Festival which will be held at Mold on Saturday, September 19, commencing at 3 p.m. when the Chief Guest will be Herbert Leggate.

GWILYM A. EDWARDS.

YORKSHIRE.—**Tadcaster Branch** has recently planted a third tree on the river bank, near the parish church, in memory of the Elder Brethren. The site was once a rubbish tip. A commemorative plaque on each tree states that it was planted by the Branch.

LEONARD RIVETT.

MANCHESTER—Resulting from a request for a two-week visit by a staff man to the Potteries, a new group in the making moved their base to a new estate at **Clayton**—a suburb of Newcastle-under-Lyme. Within a few weeks they applied for a Rushlight which was duly presented to them by Chum Hodge, the Chairman of the Area Guard on June 30. A 'pocket' of Toc H in a Youth Club in one of the 'six towns' started well, but has since passed through a sticky patch. However, it is hoped that in the autumn a fresh start will be made on a different tack. Looking at the Area as a whole it is heartening to see that thirty-four years was the average age of the last dozen new members.

STEVE REGIS.

SOUTH WESTERN—We were privileged to spend a series of Training Evenings recently with Padre Jim Davies, culminating in a Training Day for Plymouth and Wivelshire Districts. **Milborne Port** was the centre recently for a one-day Conference on the subject of Chairmanship. Kenneth Horne led us superbly, ably backed up by excellent sketches by **Milborne Port** and **Sherborne** Branches to drive home the lesson. Among the crop of summer Garden Parties and Fetes, that of **Landrake** Branch was an outstanding success. **Bodmin** Branch have received their Lamp, being well backed-up for the occasion by near and not-so-near Branches. Our congratulations and good wishes go whole-heartedly to **Chudleigh**, due to receive their Lamp very soon. **St. Just** Branch have recently had a stall in the main square of the town to help in raising funds towards a Chiropody Service. The fund benefited by about £30—a good effort indeed! During the summer months **Barnstaple** have mustered a team of car owners, taking old people on evening trips, and other Branches have backed them up by arranging refreshments.

GILBERT FRANCIS.



To raise funds for a Chiropody Service, St. Just members run a stall in their town's main square

NORTHERN—**Chester-le-Street** Branch organized a concert, given by the West Pelton Concert Party, for the patients of the local Isolation Hospital. **Tyneside** District entertained a coachload of polio patients and Toc H helpers from Carlisle to lunch on Sunday, June 6, and together with another coach of polio patients and helpers from Newcastle went to Whitley Bay and along the coast to Newbiggin-by-Sea where **Mid-Northumberland** District provided tea and a concert. When **Newton Aycliffe** received their Lamp in June, Johnnie MacMillan was the Guest speaker and members and friends were present from Wear-side, Aucklandshire, Teeside and Richmondshire Districts. **North Shields** Men's and Women's Branches took three coaches of lonely people to West Pelton. The Vicar, the Rev. O. C. Dickenson (ex North Shields Padre) conducted a short service, and after tea, entertainment was provided by the West Pelton Concert Party. **West Pelton** Branch made all the necessary arrangements in co-operation with **North Shields** Branches.

LANCE LIMBRICK.

TOC H/BELRA.—A fine and sunny day beckoned members and friends from many parts of London and beyond to the grounds of "The Holme", Regents Park, where by kind permission of the



Martin D. Michaels

Tubby takes a crack at the coconut shy

Governors of Bedford College, the ninth annual Toc H/Belra Garden Party was held on Saturday, July 18. There was a good early attendance to welcome Mr. Edric Connor when he opened the event. The cabaret performance given by the young pupils of Miss Aida Foster's Theatrical School was of a high standard and brought additional colour and gaiety to the scene, while the stalls and side-shows manned by willing helpers, including London Marksmen, appealed to sporting instincts and raked in the cash. Throughout the warm afternoon, workers in the refreshment section, both those seen and those working behind the scene, catered admirably for their many hot and perspiring customers, and the Party realized approximately £250 to be shared between Toc H and Belra.

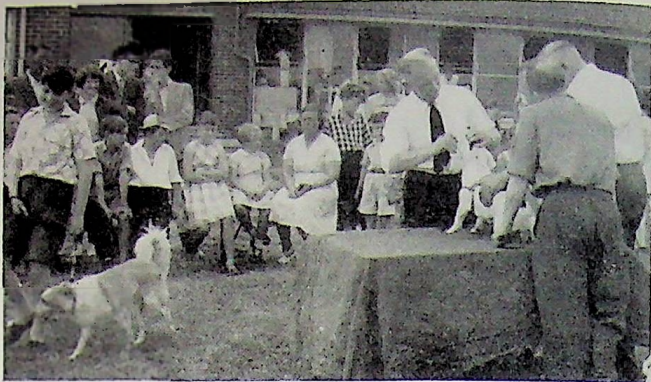
JOHN B. JOWITT.

SOUTHERN.—The Traction Engine Rally organized by Southampton District proved to be a great financial success in spite of the fact that it was held on the one wet Saturday in June. A large number of entries were received from traction engine and veteran and vintage car owners, all the entries proving to be of very considerable interest to the large crowd assembled. During the course of the summer Fareham Branch have enjoyed a number of cricket matches against local sides. A number of bumps and bruises and a black eye or two have been numbered amongst the scores! Members of Milton & Eastney Branch, together with other members in the Portsmouth District, spent a Sunday visiting All Hallows and Tower Hill. Hartley Wintney Branch have produced a local information brochure which members are taking to all new arrivals in the village. Information about newcomers is supplied by the local postman and milkman, who are both members of the Branch.



Hampshire Chronicle

FRED BROOKER.



Judging the entries at Lockleaze Branch's 'Fur & Feather' Show

WESTERN—Lockleaze Branch recently ran a "Fur & Feather" Show for children on their housing estate with a view to increasing interest in and encouraging the care of pets. The whole thing was a riot! Not the actual Show—that ran most smoothly, apart from the escape of an exhibit, a large black cat, who was "scratched" from the Exhibition, but eventually recaptured. For his exploits he was given a second prize, there being only two in the cat class! The judging of the animals was undertaken by two R.S.P.C.A. inspectors. There were eleven classes and sixty entries.

Bath and Twerton Branches have united, and they hope together to build up Toc H in Bath and extend again later on. Congratulations and welcome to our new **Frome Branch**. **Longlevens Branch** have compiled one of the best brochures of "useful information for newcomers to Longlevens" ever to come the way of the Area Office. **Matson Branch** held a "Spade night"—going out digging the gardens of those folk unable to cope through age, infirmity or sickness. The Branch also took part in the Gloucester Carnival Procession. **Cheltenham Branch** held their usual very successful Fayre—final figures are not yet to hand, but £50 has already been sent along to the Family Purse as first instalment of profits. **Gloucester District** are holding a supper on October 7. **Marksmen of Mark XVI** have been helping **Swindon Branch** tidy up the garden at the Old People's Home, as well as digging and weeding the garden of a retired Padre. Two Marksmen recently went to Dor Knap with **Purton Branch**, and in spite of hard work enjoyed themselves. **Castle Cary Branch** recently held their twenty-first annual garden fête, when a good time was had by all. **Highbridge & Burnham Branch v. Glastonbury** played a burlesque cricket match on the sands at Burnham-on-Sea and had quite an audience on the sea front. **Nailsea Branch** have acquired a hall in the village and are busy making it into what will amount to a Community Centre. This Branch collected the highest total ever in the Western Area for **Alexandra Rose Day**—nearly £70.

W. LONDON.—For use at fêtes and garden parties, Hounslow have built themselves a permanent stand with which they run a "Treasure Island" stunt (ten bob to be had—if you can find it). They took part in fêtes held by the 4th Heston Scout Group and by Osterley R.F.C. in June, and by Isleworth Red Cross in July. In combination with Richmond members, they are also helping the new "Cruse Club", the object of which is to assist widows with young children in various ways, such as getting heavy gardening jobs done and providing "proxy uncles". This pioneer effort is growing very rapidly.

MAYNE ELSON.



Wandsworth Borough News

The Cruisers, a five-man skiffle group, who provided some of the entertainment at Putney Branch garden party held at Mark XX.

LINCOLNSHIRE—A gathering of the Clans of the Welland District at Thurlby Manor, to which Peterborough District had been invited, saw Peterborough, as the perfect guests walk off with all the prized trophies! Whilst those engaged on the land have been busy 'making hay while the sun shines' others have followed the trend by making money for the Family Purse through Fêtes, Shows and Gymkhanas at Louth, Laceby, Utterby and Horncastle. By being cleanly, though unfairly caught out, the Area Secretary gave the game to Horncastle Branch by the odd run in their "Test Match" against Coningsby Branch. Members of Lincoln Toc H and Toc H W.A. Branch recently combined to do a spot of redecoration in an Old People's Home. The good weather encouraged several Branches to spring-clean their rooms, and Stamford, Grimsby and Cleethorpes are mighty proud of the results. The 'ogre' of finance in the Area has been somewhat dispelled through the recent successful tour made by Jack Harrison. Probings are taking place in Boston and Grantham. Will anyone knowing of interested friends please contact the Area Secretary?

GEORGE LEE.

N. LONDON.—**Barnet** are continuing to provide and repair radio sets for old and infirm people. They urgently need the use of a room in **Barnet** where they can store their remaining sets and several hundred valves, resistors, bulbs, plugs, switches etc. A place where they could also work on the sets would be better still. Anyone knowing of such a place is asked to write to the Jobby, Cyril Roper, 104, Puller Road, **Barnet, Herts.** **Mill Hill's** last **Celebrity Concert** in the 1958/59 series took place on June 20, when Cyril Smith and Phyllis Sellick ("three hands at two pianos") delighted a capacity audience with their recital.

MAYNE ELSON.



A barrel organ used by **Mill Hill** members to swell the funds for their **Garden Party** which raised nearly £500 for the **Family Purse** and the **Branch's Film Unit**.

SCOTLAND.—**Bob Leslie** of **Edinburgh Branch** has been appointed **Honorary Area Correspondent** for **Scotland**, and until further notice, all communications should be sent to him at 7 **Royal Gardens, Stirling.** **Selkirk Branch** held a very good **Stag Party** in the **Tweed Valley Hotel, Walkerburn**, to which they invited some men friends who had helped them in the building, decorating and lighting of their new rooms. The evening was a merry one and it was obvious that the guests enjoyed themselves as much as the members. The **Border Branches** are showing a keen interest in extension and a second meeting is to be held in **Berwick** next month. **Larber Branch** are using the good summer evenings to complete the building of their hut and the disturbance created by the noise of hammer and saw will, it is hoped, arouse the interest of some of the men neighbours. The one-day **Conference** of the **Scottish Executive** is to take place in **Stirling** and at this **Conference** four members of the **Executive** will speak about aspects of **Toc H** in which they have a real contribution to make though it is not recognised as the area in which some of them are best known. This being the last "From All Parts" that will be sent in by the present writer, he would like to say a very real thank you to members and friends in **Scotland** and to wish them every success in all their endeavours.

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN.

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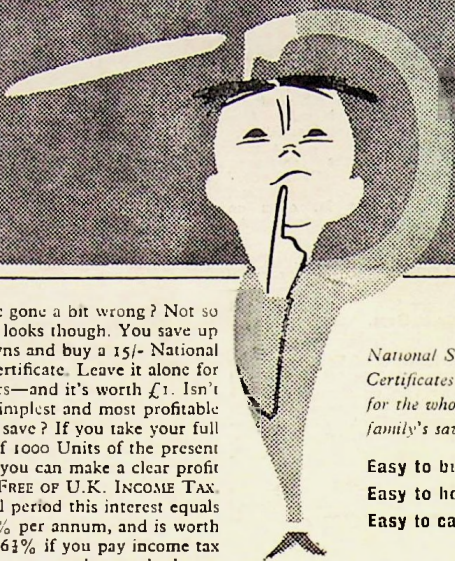


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